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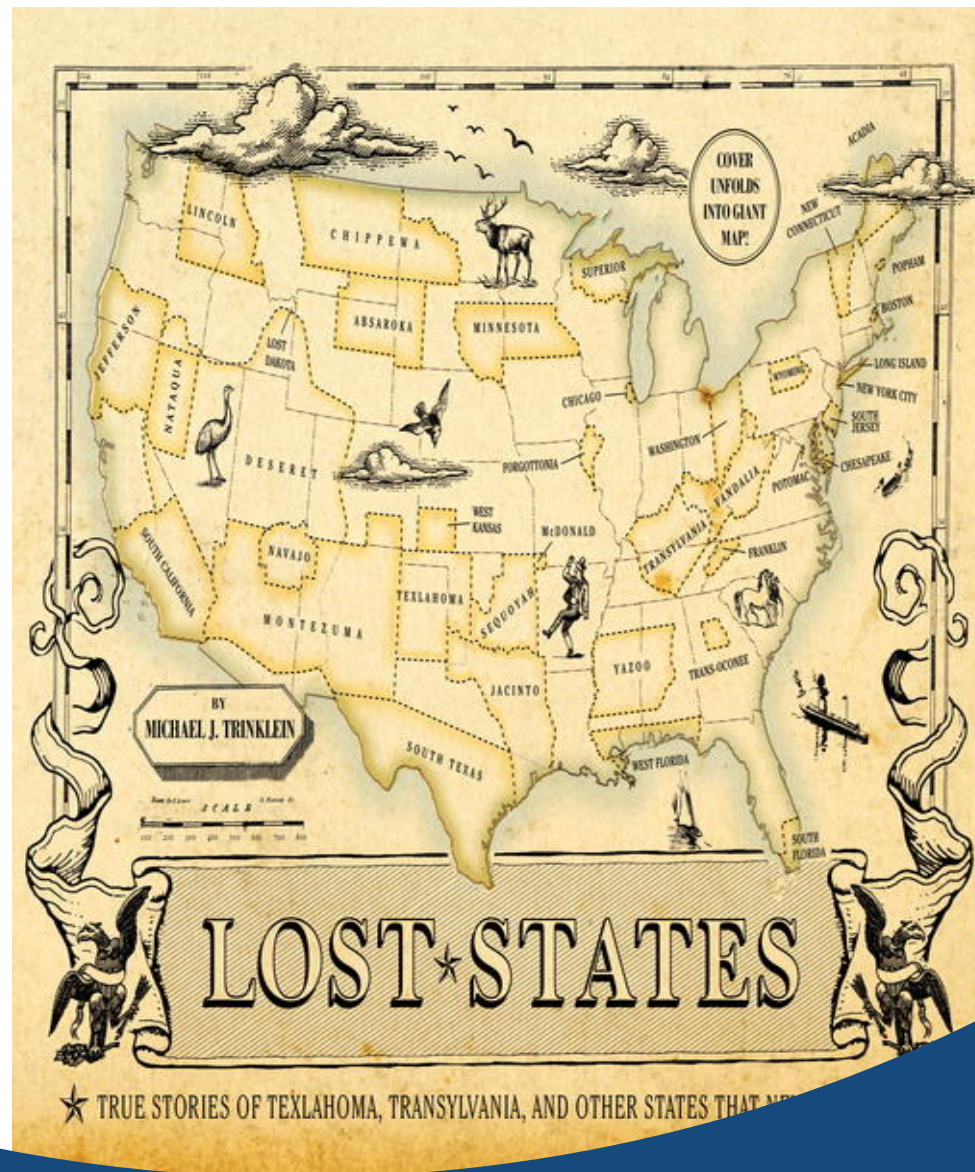
LOST STATES

by **MICHAEL TRINKLEIN**



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***"True
Stories
of Texlahoma,
Transylvania, and
Other States
That Never
Made
It."***



Non-Fiction (American History), Adult

Are you interested in founding the 51st state of the United States of America? Check out *Lost States* by Michael Trinklein to discover the pitfalls of this process, not to mention some really odd state names. Imagine living in a state named Yazoo or Forgottonia, or borrowing this book from the Trans-Oconee Republic Public Library System. If history had gone differently, these states (and many more) might be on our maps today.

This entertaining and educational book gives overviews of proposed states throughout our history. Trinklein devotes two pages to each state—one page showing the borders of the new state superimposed on a map, and one page of history and commentary about it. The accounts are humorous and conversational, and the book is very enjoyable and engaging.

A few fun facts:

- New states were proposed as recently as 2008
- Thomas Jefferson proposed several state names including Assenisipia, Michigania, Polypotamia, and Pelisipi (p. 135)
- The United States considered claiming the Yucatan Peninsula (p. 157) and Cuba (p. 34) back in the 1800's.

So check it out, sit back, and enjoy a little bit of forgotten history with *Lost States* today. And if you ARE thinking of proposing a new state, good luck to you!

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